Interagency Wildfire Management Team Meeting Notes July 12, 2006

Doug Tucker (Los Alamos county Fire Department) reviewed the recent precipitation that has been received in the Los Alamos region, and reminded the team that we may see a drying trend as early as next week.

Darroll Abeyta (Bureau of Indian Affairs) has been very busy with teams being deployed to numerous fires recently.

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Response Office, LANL) announced that fire restrictions at LANL are still in place, although it is expected that restrictions will be lifted within a week. Mitigation in Ancho Canyon is ongoing.

Phil Taylor (Los Alamos County Emergency Management) has received much of the hardware for the emergency advisory radio system that will be installed in Los Alamos County. The broadcast towers will be located at the Police Station in Los Alamos and at the Chamisa School in White Rock.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) announced that fire hazard mitigation activities will begin along the west side of Highway 289 starting next week.

Randy Balice (Emergency Response Office, LANL) reported on progress toward validation of the fire subseasons that were developed for the Los Alamos region.

Scot Johnson (Environmental and Remediation Support Services, LANL) reported in the LANL News Bulletin that Los Alamos received 1.78 inches of precipitation in June. This is slightly higher than the average for June, which is 1.44 inches.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, July 26, at the EOC (TA-69, Building 33) in the Fire TAC Room (124). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (<u>balice@lanl.gov</u>, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.